## RICHMOND PRESS DESTROYED BY FIRE

**Blaze Originated on Top Floor of Big Printing Establishment and Entirely Wrecked the Concern**

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—

Fire which occurred Saturday night about 8 o'clock practically destroyed the immense plant of the Richmond Press Company, Inc., and was the most costly fire of any loss damage to the southern city. The plant was located on Foushee, Grace and Main streets, between Fifth and Sixth streets, and was occupied by the Richmond Press Company, Inc., and the Whittet & Shepperson Company. The fire started on the top floor of the building, and when discovered was so considerably damaged that it will have to be entirely rebuilt before it may again be occupied.

Mr. Gibson Harvie, vice president of the company, said this morning that the loss on the building and the contents of the building would aggregate $25,000 insurance. The building itself is reported to be worth $15,000 to $20,000.

The greatest loss of the Press Company is the valuable paper stock, which was in process of work, which was about 24 hours from completion. The loss in printing is really the most expensive portion of the business, and as for this labor, impossible to insure, which will be a total loss.

The Southern Stamp and Stationary Company place their loss on stock alone at nearly $200. The Miller Liquor Supply Company stated that they were unable to compute their losses as yet, but that they would be considerable. The cellar of this establishment, where was stored up a quantity of valuable wines, is now flooded with about six feet of water, with bottles containing every variety of liquor floating about.

Kirkwood's restaurant, on the ground floor of the building, was also damaged to the extent of $1,000. The building in the rear of the Commonwealth Club, on the wall of the burnt building having fallen directly upon the kitchen of the lunch room, demolishing the roof and filling the stores with debris of all kind. No amount was set upon the loss, but as business cannot be resumed for several days—if, indeed, a new set of ranges will not be needed—the loss will aggregate a considerable amount.

The equipment of the Richmond Press Company, Inc., consisted of 15 cylinders, several small presses and a large rotary press, costing $15,000, besides many valuable type and other accessories required in a first-class printing establishment. The Southern Publishing Company, Inc., of Richmond. The Richmond Advocate and the Central Presbyterian. Besides a large amount of work was done for the Presbyterian publications. The Southern Publishing Company will be farmed out among the printing houses of the city, who volunteered to do the work until the concern is in new quarters.

Mr. Worsham said that they would have temporary quarters by now had the Fifth Street Baptist Church not flatly definitely decided where they would locate temporarily.

The total loss caused by the fire will probably exceed $40,000.

## JAP WARSHIPS WILL BE KEPT AT HOME

TOKYO.—Special.—Vice Admiral Saito, Minister of the Navy, has decided that the Japanese navy cannot be maintained had any sinister designs in connection with the American Pacific squadron.

"The distribution of our fleet is no secret to America," he said. "The naval attaches are handed a daily report showing the whereabouts of every vessel. We desire emphatically to say that no vessel of the Japanese fleet is any nearer the Pacific coast of America than Yokosuka. All the ships are on home stations, either at Yokosuka, Kure or Sasebo. The torpedo flotilla and submarines are at the usual stations. We have a cruiser at each of the foreign Chinese ports, Hankow, Fuchow, Amoy and Kin Chow. There are two cruisers and a dispatch boat in small ships at Korea. This consists of the whole of our fleet. Australian battleship squadron, consisting of three old cruisers, will sail in the direction of Colombo, via Manila, on January 25th.

"Any statement differing from this is absolutely without foundation."

Commander John J. Haggberry, the American naval attache, when shown this statement, said it was absolutely correct.

## NEW AMATEUR LEAGUE ORGANIZED IN ROANOKE

ROANOKE.—Special.—During a meeting of some several months ago an amateur baseball team of Mc-Kinley-Watts Mill, Roanoke, Virginia Amateur League was organized with a membership of six teams, the purpose that will compose the league and their respective managers as follows: Southern Railway, Southern Railway, Blumstein; Southwest Roanoke, W. W. Face; Virginia Bridge Company, Evington, D. Reeser; Belmont, R. H. Hartman; Mill, Ed. Hall.

All of the managers of the several teams were present at the meeting, in addition to the managers, and an enthusiasm ran very high. After the business of the meeting was finished refreshments were served on circling chairs followed. This resulted as follows:

President—Lefton Smith.

Vice President—Charles Wade.

Secretary and Treasurer—J. H. Gardner, C. E. Williamson and Ed. Wingore.

## SPECIAL SESSION ON LIQUOR AND R. R. RATES

RALEIGH, N. C.—Special.—The Legislature meets in special session Tuesday, it being the first time such a session has been held in twenty-eight years. Though the Governor called it to consider the one question of fixing railway rates at 2 1-2 cents, with passage books at 2 cents, the matter of State prohibition will be debated and a bill probably passed. After the special session has been called there came a tremendous movement for the prohibition cause.

The governor has made speeches here and at many other points against the manufacture and sale of liquor anywhere in the State.

## MRS. COREY'S RELATIVES STRANDED IN MASS.

NORTH ADAMS, MASS.—Special.—The Mabelle Gilman Corey, wife of Clifford Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation, are practically stranded here. The stepmother has been dangerously ill at the Hotel Wendell, and the physicians positively refuse to permit the contract between the position of Mrs. Corey and the others of her family with great bitterness. He says that Sir Carey, since his daughter's wedding, has been in a bitter struggle to protect his wife and daughter.

The Corey party was made continued objection to Ethel Gilman appearing in vaudeville under the name of Corey. The sister of the famous Mabelle Gilman, whose vaudeville reputation has refused his business.

## COTTON SPINNERS WILL CONTINUE CURTAILMENT

RALEIGH, N. C.—Special.—Two million spindles and 75 per cent of the looms were represented at the conference in Charlotte of the Southern Hard Yarn Spinners' Association, the Soft Yarn Spinners' Association and the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association to arrange the further continuance of the 33 per cent curtailment agreement.

It will be continued till March, it had later.

## VETERAN CUTS HIS THROAT WITH RAZOR

**Daniel Stringer, Inmate of Soldiers' Home in Richmond, Commits Suicide by Cutting**

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—

Daniel Stringer, seventy-four years old, and an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, died in the hospital at that institution at 9:30 o'clock this morning from the effects of wounds inflicted on himself last night with a razor.

Stringer was found in his bed suffered greatly yesterday from acute melancholia, and was under the care of Miss Ella Stringer, visited him at his home and noticed that he was acting strangely on account of the singularity of his conduct.

The coroner and his usual last night about 8:30 o'clock, when he retired to his bed and went to sleep. Here he remained undisturbed by any one until this morning, when the discovery was made that he was dead. The razor with which he had committed the deed was found in a pocket of the bed clothing.

Stringer was a widower, and has been in Chesterfield county. He entered the Soldier's Home from the city of Petersburg on June 4, 1905.

He served during the Civil War with the Twelfth Virginia Infantry, and later with Pegram's Artillery.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## BURNING GRASS SET LITTLE GIRL AFIRE

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—

Dainty Stringer, seven years old, and an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, died in the hospital at that institution at 9:30 o'clock this morning from the effects of wounds inflicted on himself last night with a razor.

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Discord rent the air in the neighborhood of the Confederate Soldiers' Home yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock. Shrieks of agony also were heard, while over an open there came unutterable sounds unfamiliar to the urban ear, but true the tax bearing on that account.

A casual investigator would never have guessed the cause of the trouble, but all the same tragedy was back of it, and that tragedy had its center in the nursery of the institution.

Hog cholera has broken out among the hogs of the Home and its ravages are claiming young and old alike. Dora far, however, the infantile porkers have been the greatest sufferers, for all about twenty-two of these pets have turned their cloven feet heavenward, and their squeals—known as "adults" and the remainder "infants" in this case—fill the air. Others are sure to die doomed. The death list will be large, and while the disease has spread its fierce.

But a ray of hope now illumines the darkened way. Soon one of these pets will be spared an untimely end. A sacrificial victim is to be found to stay the invaded portion of the swinery.

Carried off by the fever, and prepared down the squealing gullets of the survivors. Early yesterday morning, Mrs. Tufts went to the assistance of Mr. Stringer, who, it seems, met his fate by in a pool of blood, with his throat cut from ear to ear, and the left wrist frightfully gashed with a razor. The jugular vein was severed, but not the flow of blood was copious.

The razor was found in a pocket of the dying man's coat. Dr. W. A. Dead was immediately summoned.

Mr. Stringer was conveyed to the hospital, where he underwent treatment, and was made as comfortable as possible, but died from the loss of blood at 9:30 this morning.

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## FORCED THE SWINE TO TAKE CASTOR OIL

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## EVELYN THAW TO TELL STORY IN PUBLIC

**Judge Rules Against Proposition of the Prosecution Hear Wife's Testimony in Private**

NEW YORK.—Special.—Judge Dowling has denied Jerome's motion to exclude all the public.

Evelyn Thaw, who was the first witness called, then resumed. As soon as she was seated Jerome arose and renewed his motion to exclude all spectators.

The District Attorney cited a ruling of the highest court, declaring all, save counsel, court officers and friends of the defendant, should be excluded during the sufferer's testimony given by a woman that the public were barred on that occasion.

Jerome added that because of the hearty co-operation on the part of Mr. Littleton he renewed his motion of Friday.

Justice Dowling said:

"I have read the case cited by Mr. Jerome and cannot see how it bears on this one. There is in this State a law which requires that a defendant shall be tried in public, and that is given a public trial. The question now before me is as to whether the public objection here is not against the admission of the evidence, but against the publication of the testimony. In my opinion the public should be excluded from all the testimony. It is my opinion that the publication of the testimony of any person for Virginia's millions. Those machines can be procured from the factories of Mr. Stringer, Mr. Tufts, Mr. Stringer replied, and Mr. Tufts shrugged himself on his feet and walked home to breakfast. He was a little while the old soldiers were all awakening his sleepy comrades. Mr. Tufts went to the assistance of Mr. Stringer, who, it seems, met his fate by in a pool of blood, with his throat cut from ear to ear, and the left wrist frightfully gashed with a razor. The jugular vein was severed, but not the flow of blood was copious.

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## EMPEROR WILLIAM TO TRAVEL FOR HEALTH

BERLIN.—Special.—It is reported that the condition of the Kaiser's health has become so serious that he will start shortly for Corfu for a long sojourn in a warmer climate.

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## HUDSON MAXIM INVENTS A NEW EXPLOSIVE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Special.—As the result of an invention by Hudson Maxim of a new and powerful explosive, the Board of Construction of the Navy Department is drafting plans for the building of a battleship which will be a complete revolution in the type of warships. The new ship will be more ironclad battleship of the present day, but of greater speed. These torpedoes can be propelled at a speed of sixty miles per hour, are unerring in aim, cannot be diverted from their course, and are more effective up to a distance of several miles.

The great weight formerly utilized for the armor plate, is transposed into additional armament of this kind, and would have done so had he been given the chance. Mr. Maxim is a son of young Mrs. Thaw's relations with Stanford White.

## PRESIDENT HELPED THIEVES ROB BANK

JACKSON, MISS.—Special.—A strange confession was made to A. F. Thompson, president of the National Bank of Hattiesburg, by James Harper and W. T. Smith, expert safecracker, brought to this city from Searcy, where they were caught after a long chase by Federal and private officers.

Harper says the president walked in his sleep. He and Smith watched the bank for several nights, he says, and frequently saw Thomason enter, using his door key. They had supposed that he was walking in his sleep until they caught glimpses of him under our electric light, with eyes closed and hands extended, creeping over a number of counters. The safe-blowers say they conceived a plan to enter the bank with Thomason and to gag him if he came out of his trance. They were glad Thomason gave them the combination to the safe, for they got the money, and that they left him asleep in the bank.

## HE MADE $750,000 OF BOGUS NOTES

MEXICO CITY.—Special.—Former Cashier Ponce, of the bank of Coahuila, at Merida, who is under arrest, charged with embezzlement, has confessed to the authorities that he had a duplicate key to the vault and that he made new bank notes amounting to $750,000 without the knowledge of the other bank officials or employes.

## CLOSED BANK AGAIN RESUMES OPERATION

NEW YORK.—Special—After being closed for three months the Hamilton Bank and its six branches throughout the city resumed business on Monday. President Frank Gravant announced that the bank was able to meet all demands, and the truth of this statement was proved by the fact that, when at 8:30 o'clock, three automobiles filled with bags of gold, one Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street with the first installment of the $2,000,000 distribution among the various depositors. Those who came early were still placed upon the old deposit slips, but those who came later received new deposit slips, and in the understanding that their accounts would be closed without restriction.

The Harlem and the six branches opened for business at 10 o'clock. They were formally opened only seven persons having presented themselves. Four of these opened new accounts.

## COMPULSORY LAW BY LOCAL OPTION

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—

A bill providing for the holding of an election in any county or city upon the question of compulsory education, and for the putting into effect of compulsory education, if approved by such election was offered here Thursday by Senator Strode.

The bill provides for the ordering of such an election whenever qualified voters to the number of not less than one-fourth of those voting at the preceding general election shall petition the judge of the circuit or corporation court for the purpose. Should the county or city vote against compulsory education, at least for a time, the question shall be held in two years.

## MOBBED ORGANIZER OF NEGRO UNIONS

AUSTELL, GA.—Special—The sight of a white man distributing circulars among the negroes of this place, advertising the "Southern Co-operative Union," with headquarters in Atlanta, calling upon the negroes of the country to "organize," so infuriated the white residents of the town that the distributor was hustled and chased from the place.

George H. Johnson is the name of the white man, and he is employed by the "Co-operative Union" to organize the negroes in the Georgia towns into labor unions. Several in the third town in which Johnson has been mobbed. Leading negroes of Austell are behind the "Co-operative Union" movement, and that in a short while the negroes will be organized and a strike ordered all over the State unless better wages are paid.

## E. HENRY GILBERT SUDDENLY EXPIRES

**Prominent Hotel Man in Richmond Drops Dead in His Room—Had Attack of Grip.**

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—

Mr. E. Henry Gilbert died suddenly last night in his room at his home, 1101 Eighth and Franklin Streets. Mr. Gilbert had been indisposed for several weeks, but yesterday was apparently better, and was able to go down to the hotel. He had dinner with his family and sat in the office of the hotel for several hours, talking to the guests and friends. At about 9 o'clock he went to his room, and was viewed in a few minutes by a lady who found him lying across the bed. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but it was too late. Mr. Gilbert was beyond the power of human aid. His death was from heart failure, and must have been caused instantly.

Mr. Gilbert was born in 1859 in Rockbridge county, Va., where he was reared. He was for many years associated with various enterprises for building that county. From there he went to Lynchburg, Va., where for years he was postmaster of that city under President Harrison. Mr. Gilbert was he moved with his family to Richmond, Va., where he has been the manager of the Allhambra Hotel, which he opened and ran for a number of years. For a period he purchased the present hotel, which he has since managed with many improvements.

Mr. Gilbert acquired a large interest in the Ford's Hotel property, which is now in course of erection in other hotel under the name of the Richmond. Mr. Gilbert has also large holdings in his partner, Mr. Rudolph Dockey.

Mr. Gilbert was interested in politics, and was a candidate for the City Council from the Ward of the city.

He married Miss Jennie P. Hoge, of Rockbridge county, Va., many years ago, and is survived by his widow and the following children: Henry Gilbert, Miss Eva Hutchinson, Virginia Gilbert, Miss Lucy and Florence. He was prominent in Masonic circles, holding membership in the Shriners, Knights Templar, the Lodge of Masons, and was also an Elk.

The funeral services will be held at the home at 12 o'clock Sunday, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Peyton H. Hoge, of the Second Presbyterian Church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Beverley D. Tucker, of the Grace Street Presbyterian Church. The interment will be in Hollywood Cemetery.

## SPESSARD AT WORK ON NEW DISTRICTING BILL

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—

Not yet has Delegate Spessard, of Norfolk, completed the bill which he will introduce a congressional redistricting measure, but he is at work upon it, and is making his plans in advance.

The bill, which, it is understood, he began its session, he had in mind a plan for the purpose. Should the court strengthen the Fifth District for the Democrats, as it now stands, the Ninth District hopelessly Republican.

Certain influences stayed his hand in this matter, at least for a time, he says he is still working on a measure which, he hopes, will be satisfactory to the Democratic caucus.

Meanwhile the delegate from Norfolk county has offered a redistricting which makes but one change in the present districts (which are consistently Republican") from the Fifth to the Seventh, and that is this:

This proposition, in Mr. Spessard's opinion, meets the needs of the situation. It is his purpose, then to have a conference with the Franklin legislator in the hope of effecting some sort of compromise.

## DRESS CAUGHT FIRE STANDING BY STOVE

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—

Miss Ethel Rosebro, the seven-year-old daughter of Mrs. P. E. McSorley, of 3 South Morris Street, was painfully and perhaps fatally burned at the residence this morning, at 8 o'clock.

The little girl had just been dressed and sent downstairs by her mother. She wore a light, inflammable gingham, and, while standing near the stove, it became ignited. Before help could reach her the flames had completely enveloped her body, inflicting fearful burns from her knees to her neck.

The ambulance was called and Dr. Boschman, who was in charge, did all in his power to relieve the little girl's suffering.

Mrs. McSorley is a widow with five children.

## STATE GUARDS ASK LARGER APPROPRIATION

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—

A delegation of the State's most prominent military men appeared before the House Committee on Militia, headed by Governor Swanson, on the passage of the bill increasing the appropriation for Virginia's militia.

Those in favor of the measure were Adjutant General Christian, Colonel Haskins, Captain Jeffries Strode, Colonel Craighill, Brigadier Major Berry, of Lynchburg, Captain Hoge, of Charlottesville, and Captain Maddox, of the same town.

The soldiers, who now receive only about $15,000 a year from the commonwealth, ask to have 2 per cent of all the State's annual revenue for the money for the literary fund. This would mean an appropriation of $60,000 where between $50,000 and $75,000. If the bill is passed much of the money will go for a camp ground and rifle range.

## BEDFORD AND ROANOKE IN A NEW CIRCUIT

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—

If the wishes of Senator Lucas, of Bedford, prevail, the Legislature will create a new judicial circuit, and he thinks should be made of the county of Bedford and the city of Roanoke. This would lighten the work of Judge Moffett, who now presides over the Twentieth Circuit, and it would prevent the necessity of Judge Montgomery, Floyd and Bedford ties and the city of Roanoke.

It is said on good authority that the new circuit will be created, the name of the Judgeship will fall upon Judge Moffett's colleague, Judge Campbell.

## V. P. I. ALUMNI MAKE A PROTEST

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—

The Richmond alumni of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute met at the Jefferson Hotel Saturday night, when they discussed and adopted a plan that will introduced into the Legislature by Senator Goodwin, looking to the removal of the geological department of the Polytechnic Institute to the University of Virginia.

## OFFERS $50 REWARD FOR BARN BURNER

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—

A reward of $50 has been offered to any person who uncovers the name of Mr. Edward L. Barnes, who was drowned in the James River, near the old Pumphouse, on the evening of January 5, 1908. Height, 5 feet 10 inches; weight, 180 pounds; clean shaven; had on a pair of corduroy pants, one high-top hunting shoe, and a blue sweater. Address W. B. Farmer, 201 South Belvidere Street, Richmond, Va.


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## INSURANCE AGENT CHARGED WITH LARCENY

NORFOLK, VA.—Special.—E. L. Tisdell, general agent in Portsmouth for the Seaboard Fire Insurance Company of Norfolk, was placed under bond last night, on a warrant charging larceny and its policyholders. He is charged that his method of collecting premiums to forge indorsements turned over to him to be paid policyholders for fire losses and premiums. His defalcations, it is alleged, will amount to many thousand dollars.

Tisdell was unable to furnish bail, and went to jail.

## TIME TO WORK THEM OVER EIGHT HOURS

An eight-hour law for railway telegraph or telephone operators whose duties require trains under what is known as the "block system" is the effect of a bill that has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Parker. The bill makes it a misdemeanor for any railroad company to employ any such operator for more than eight hours a day, except in cases of accident, death, wrecks or storms, when the operators may work for sixteen hours in succession, but not more than $1,000 is prescribed as the penalty.

## TURNING OVER NEW LEAVES.

Even the new leaves you have been turning over of late will soon open one a resolve to be more practical, more prudent? If you have not, why not? Why not resolve to start on from now? Don the habit and stick to it, too, and enjoy a well-furnished. Stick to it, too, and enjoy a well-furnished home, and the comfortable surroundings that it affords. Stick to it, too, and enjoy a new appearance and condition, but when it's done it's done. Don't be a quitter. Don't when it blows, put some money in the bank. Don't be a quitter. Don't be a spender, and squander your money right on you. There's a bank in your town. Make a deposit there, and you, too. It is known as the bank that pays 4 per cent interest. The bank will make you rich, while others in rosy speculations or dishonest practices are living it will leave you poor. Indeed. You might ask the bank about it. Step in and see the officers and directors and ask their advice and read for savings. Don't wait for good resolutions but start piling stones in the nether regions. Don't wait till now. Step in to-day, the CAPITOL SAVINGS, and be will be glad if addressed to Bldg. Richmond, Va.


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## HOUSE VOTES TO GOWN THE JUDGES

**Delegates by a Large Majority Favor Resolution Requiring the Supreme Court to Don Regulation Judicial Robes.**

In the presence of a listening gallery packed with ladies—young and pretty ones, too—the House today plunged unanimously into an animated discussion of the propriety of making the Virginia Supreme Court wear gowns while on the bench.

The matter came up on Delegate Cox's motion to reconsider the motion whereby the resolution was passed yesterday.

Mr. Cox, who never wastes words, stated that he would make no speech. He simply wanted to say that the custom of a motion, to register his opinion.

But Major Moses Green, of Fauquier, had something to say. He started out in this wise: "I desire to say that I believe we have a Supreme Court one of the ablest and most dignified bodies in Virginia in the land, and I do not think that anything should be done to lower its dignity. My suggestion yesterday this gowned was to be added was merely to emphasize the fact that I have nothing against gowns or wigs are necessary."

**Indecent Simplicity.**

Delegate Withers made another good speech in favor of the proposed judicial habiliments. He said he understood that the Judges themselves favored the innovation. Delegate Cox disputed them. He wanted to see the communication wherein they so expressed themselves. Mr. Withers couldn't produce, but he offered to look a rap at "so-called Jeffersonian simplicity," which, he said, is but epigrammatically described as something more indecent than simplicity."

Respect for the law should be inculcated among the common people, eloquently argued Mr. Withers. Why are soldiers uniformed? he asked.

When the matter came up on the question of reconsideration it was voted against and for Mr. Cox's motion.

The judges, therefore, must wear gowns, unless the Senate says nay.

## MARRIAGES.

**BALL—HOPE.**

Invitations are issued for the marriage of Miss Bessie Lee Hope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Hope, of Portsmouth, Va., to Mr. Charles Edward Ball, of Richmond, on Wednesday, January 22d at a quarter before 6 o'clock, in the Saint John's Methodist Church, Portsmouth, Va.

**WATTERS—LEE.**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Donnell Lee have sent out invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Nancy Lee, to Mr. William J. H. Watters, on Wednesday, January 29th, at Dale vale, in the Green Spring Valley, Md. The wedding will be quiet one and only the members of the two immediate families will be present.

**ROSEBRO—BOWLER.**

The marriage of Miss Frances V. Bowler to Mr. Courtland H. Rosebro will be solemnized in the Second Presbyterian Church, Fredericksburg, the Rev. John R. Rosebro, father of the groom, officiating, assisted by the Rev. H. Henderlite, performing the ceremony, immediately after which Mr. and Mrs. Rosebro left for a bridal tour in the South.

**LAMB—DE HOVEN.**

Miss Laura De Hoven and Mr. Clayton Lamb were wedded on Tuesday in the Second Presbyterian Church, Washington, performing the ceremony at reception in the home of the groom. followed the wedding. After which Mr. and Mrs. Lamb left for the North.

**MERRIFIELD—DICKERSON.**

The marriage of Miss Margaret Gray Dickerson to Mr. George L. Merrifield was celebrated Thursday in the Presbyterian manse, Falls Church, Va., the Rev. Dr. D. A. Davies, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Malcolm Noble, performing the ceremony.

**JENKINS—FISHER.**

Miss Cecelia Fisher and Mr. Albert Jenkins, both of Petersburg, Va., were wedded on the 15th inst. at the home of the bride, by the Rev. R. M. Hutcheson, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Baltimore and other pastors.

**HUNDLEY—CLARKE.**

Miss Mary Clarke Hundley, James River, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clarke, near Heathsville, Va., to Mr. Richard Hundley, officiating. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hundley left for the South and will upon their return reside on the Hundley homestead on the James.

**SALE—GARRISON.**

A pretty marriage took place at Crewe, Va., Wednesday, when Miss Annie Garrison became the bride of Mr. William Garrison. Mr. Sale became the bride of Mr. Alfred Preston Garrison, Jr., in the chapel of the Good Shepherd, New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sowden sailed for Europe, and upon their return will be at home at "Mt. Rose," near New York city.

**WILLIAMS—CONRAD.**

A pretty wedding was celebrated on Wednesday in the residence of Mr. Charles Conrad, in Danville, Va., when Miss Myrtle Conrad became the bride of Mr. Andrew Clarke Williams, by the Rev. Dr. Beverley Tucker, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Bland Hall, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, officiating.

**YERBY—JONES.**

Miss Lillian Jones, of Suffolk, Va., and Mr. Charles Yerby, of Norfolk, were wedded in the Port Norfolk Baptist Church by the Rev. W. W. Staley, of Suffolk, Va., on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Alice Jones acted as maid of honor and Mr. S. B. Dryden as best man.

**STEWART—MORTON.**

A quiet home wedding took place Wednesday, at 12 o'clock, when Miss Mary Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Morton, of Danville, Va., when their daughter, Grace Hamilton, became the wife of Mr. John J. Stewart, of Salisbury, N. C. The Rev. W. R. Laird, of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

**STRICKLAND—ANDERSON.**

In the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Chatham, Va., was solemnized the marriage of Miss Elise Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Churchill Anderson, of Keeling Pittsylvania county, to Mr. Lester Hartwell Strickland, Wednesday evening, January 15th.

**KUYK—GRUNNER.**

"Belmont," Henrico county, was the scene of a pretty marriage Wednesday evening, the contracting parties being Miss Annie Beryl Grunner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Grunner, and Mr. Robert Christian Kuyk.

**SYDNOR—COOKMAN.**

The marriage of Miss Mary L. Cookman to Mr. Hubert Sydnor was quietly celebrated at high noon Tuesday, the Rev. Dr. Peyton H. Hoge, assisted by the Rev. W. T. Cookman, Heathsville, Va., officiating. The Williamsburg Inn.

## VIRGINIA DIVORCEE WEDS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—Special.—A great sensation in social circles here was the marriage yesterday of E. Hamilton Bell, of Richmond, Va., to Mrs. Bessie Williams, also of Richmond, Va. She has resided in Sioux Falls nearly a year, and recently divorced her husband.

Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining the license, owing to the efforts of the prejudice against marrying divorced persons. Judge Orr, regent of the local Congregational church, refused to perform the ceremony, making them go to the county clerk's office. The bride was given away by Mrs. Bridewell, wife of Rev. Bridewell, of Sioux Falls.

## TWO GIRLS BURNED IN FACTORY FIRE

SCRANTON, PA.—Special.—Imperial Underwear Company's factory, one of the largest industries of the city, is on fire. Two have been burned to death and four are now in hospitals. Ambulances have been summoned from all parts of the city. It is then caught in the blazing building. The company employs a large number of workers, a hundred being women and girls. It is feared that the loss of life may be big.

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## RENEWS FIGHT ON THE PILOTS' COMBINE

**Bill Makes All Virginia Ports Open to Coastwise Vessels Free of Pilotage—Foreign Vessels Still to Be Taxed.**

Delegate Cox, of Richmond, and Delegate Edwards, of King William, yesterday offered in the House a bill which seeks to smash the present pilotage laws pertaining to vessels plying Virginia waters, so as to make all Old Dominion ports free to vessels coming from foreign countries. For two years or two decades—this matter has been before the Legislature, in one form or another, but somehow or other the pilots (who are magnificent entertainers) have always continued to get the best of the fight.

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The bill introduced in the House yesterday by Messrs. Edwards, of King William, and Cox, of Richmond, to abolish compulsory pilotage, is a new remedy the evil which has long existed in the matter of compelling vessels coming to ports in Virginia waters to engage pilots, and pay fees thereto. The bill, in addition to abolishing compulsory pilotage altogether on domestic vessels, with a slight increase of the fees on the latter. The increase is made necessary, it is claimed, by the much less, on an average, than now is the case, number of vessels coming to Virginia ports. The increase will be adequately rewarded by

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